

Edward Church Jun^r Esq^r New Bedford 4th Sept 1811

Dear Nephew

It has been with great difficulty that I could persuade myself to believe that you & your family have been met by my Nephew Tho^s Retch on your way to the Ohio with intention there to settle; & also to be informed that if you find things sufficiently eligible, there may be a hope of your father this family being united with you upon the same plan: yielding to the evidence given on this interesting subject, I lose the least time in expressing to you my heartfelt satisfaction in the contemplation of a possibility that these projects may be realised & that I may yet have the pleasure of seeing you all together once more, in the new Paradise beyond the Alleghany mountains. My nephew Thomas Retch will return speedily and when established it is my fixed intention to pay you all an early visit, in the mean time let us correspond and tell me if in any way I can be useful to you and inform me from what strange circumstances can have proceeded the determination of your father to leave France & whether in the first instance he will bring his family.

I have been two years with my relatives in this Town and more than one in the almost constant expectation of seeing Charles, who in his last letter from Bordeaux gave me reason to expect him in all last month; but not naming the Ship or Port of destination I know not where to expect his first arrival

It has been with a mixture of pain & admiration
that

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that we have listened to the recital of the vexations you must have met with in the repeated loss of your servants. — and the heroism of your dear partner with two children pursuing cheerfully a journey of such novelty without female attendants; from this circumstance my regards for her are already increased, as are, I have no doubt if possible your mutual endearments.

My nephew informs me that on the road a good deal of game is to be met with. I beg you to mention the various kinds that have fallen in your way.

with best wishes for your mutual happiness & complete success in this enterprise, entreating you to write to me & to give me your ideas of the country. I am very sincerely
your affectionate Uncle. J. P. Toth.

New Bedford Massachusetts.

Edward Church, Jun. Esq.

much Esteemed friend

New Bedford 20th 27 1815

To save postage among other motives I have written what is on the other half sheet to my friend Tilton concerning a new plan of interior navigation. - Thou wilt after perusal very naturally conclude that thou art the friend I have in view for the object therein mentioned should it be agreeable to thee to take the interest intimated - it will be but a very trifling affair until success or the failure of it is proved - my large boat is too large for the active service now proposed but she is a very valuable boat for another object in view - this is the first time I have ever made propositions concerning interior navigation and I think it much better to make them to my friend Tilton in the manner proposed, because I do not wish to enter into any competition that ~~shall~~ shall place us in active opposition to each other - an union may controul other opposing interests when collision between ourselves may be extremely injurious to both. if thou shouldst have any objection for wishing to correspond with me before the other side's letter should be delivered it may be ~~undoubtedly~~ delayed or even entirely suppressed according to the importance of any observations thou mayst have to make which when made shall be promptly attended to.

We are now probably for a long time freed from the shackles of war and all its concomitants in our own country - my plans are better suited to peace than war and I have no regret in waiting till this moment rather than to have plunged into all the uncertainties inevitable in war - let me hear from thee pretty soon and it will oblige thy assured friend

P.S.

A. B. C.

Abraham Barker

Merchant

Robert Fulton

New York

Dear Nephew

Boston Dec^r 5 1844

The neatness and elegance of both public and private buildings in this town and its environs would lead an European stranger almost to imagine that Boston was the residence of all the nobility, Gentry, and Harbours general that could belong to such a country as ours not as yet in an independant state quite quite forty years. I have been so lost that in three determined attempts to find my lodgings late in the evening without enquiry I have failed in all. at present with the aid of a pump as one landmark and a steeple as another ^{the way to} Pearl Street will be no longer mistaken. The calls of old and new friendships are not yet altogether complied with - the weather in a great measure has been bad and the streets slippery ~~which~~ are obstacles to my visits - but I am endeavoring to find out what is, probably may be the discussions at Hartford which as well as I can understand will be an interchange of sentiment in the prelude to the Political Drama which will be prepared for action according to the necessity of the case. My ideas of an endeavor to diminish in our national councils the black representation, to lessen the facilities in creating new States, to consolidate in a more efficacious manner the just weight and influence of those States which formed the original

correspond

To employ our own revenue for our own defense and
the adoption of a fair portion of the old debt, seem
in general to be also the ideas of all the friends to the
convention. The other party as thou well knowst look
upon it as a farce; and D-r-r says it is a project con-
ceived in sin and can bring forth nothing but iniquity.
John Randolph & Harper who were lately at N York
it has been expulded would come to Hartford: but the
fellow by a fall out of a chaire it is said is in danger
of becoming a cripple and has returned home.

Our common friend here has promised to give me
the earliest information that can be usefull to the project
of sending Iron to N.Y. ^{news of the} the expected arrival has not yet
come. The way now practiced is by keeping bills with
speed where the permission is to be granted. personally
this is out of my power but some of our insulated neigh-
bours (emigrants) have recently in three successive instances
of \$10m each gained valuable points besides making the
accompaniment of a request, in itself a beneficial transaction.
Bills on our northern frontiers by the last account were at
five percent discount and expected to be at par - when more
fully and satisfactorily assured of this fact our common friend
intends, as he says to be off with perhaps 40 to 50m - great
exertions are making to give Lloyd's coffee house a shake
that shall be felt at the other end of the Town. The New
-Market Cargo of 300 at \$350m appears to have ^{given} an extraordinary
impulse to some of those who would have been in such
enterprises the last thought of - an incorporation of a million
for the same purpose is established at N.Y. and I have heard
it stated that a subscription of 250m is expected in this town
- all these things in my opinion have the bad tendency to
incorporate the northern States still more and more in the
war and if successful may perhaps render them more
6th it is just come

indifferent to separations and peace - the present plan of
operation against the enemy is more destructive than I
could possibly have imagined - in the instance of the New
Chattel - the first loaded at sea with colonial produce, after
ward, meeting a vessel with cotton the first loading was
thrown overboard and finally meeting with manufactured
bale goods the cotton was thrown over; thus a triple
destruction has been produced in this instance. I have
it I think from good authority that money is returning
very fast into the vaults of the banks - if it is true
that a million of dollars has arrived at London it may
perhaps in a great measure be accounted for by that
circumstance - I have heard it said that Mr Gray supports
the Phoenix bank at Nantucket and gives specie for their
bills - the fear of any extraordinary drain of specie seems
now to have subsided. The credit of the Government
is totally run down here and it is hoped that the
resolutions of the N E States may drag our obstinate
Admⁿ into peace - the British however it is
thought here are now in possession of New Orleans which
perhaps may if possible cause new oppositions to this
desirable object. In regard to my own affairs I regret
that circumstances have thrown me so much upon my
bounty and contrary to all my expectation for so long a
time. but I do not relax an iota of confidence in the
ultimate success of my endeavours - I have seen a
gentleman in my lodgings here who seemed desirous of
showing me the plans of his horse boat without knowing
who I was in such things - on examination they are
my own with the application of a horse power which mode
of applying power is included in my patent under the term
of muscular force - we were to meet and have an amicable
but he has avoided it & returned to N.Y. Fulton has according
to this gent^l has sold out one half of his half interest in Steam boats
for \$200,000. I think it time to look after these things. they affluence unto H. R. P. etc.

William Botchum

New Bedford

To
Robert Fulton Esq^r
New York

P.S. To A.B.

- since writing what is contained in these two letters I have read in the papers the melancholy account of the death of my friend Fulton - this unhappy event (which I took upon truly so for me) puts aside all herein contained relating to him. I will however send the letter to thee since it is written without proceeding farther at present in this subject.

I should like to know what my Louisiana Stock would sell for with you and the price also in Philadelphia -
I should be very glad if thou canst engage on my account from 4 to 600 barrels of good oil casks that would do for a short voyage and if thou art in correspondence with Jos Rotch to request him to do the same - these things I presume will be in demand

Robert Fulton
Dear Sir

New Bedford Feb 7. 27th 1815.

As the war is now over we may look to employment in interior navigation. I have built a large boat 100 feet in length 27 in breadth, drawing a little more than 5 feet water and capable of accommodating 150 passengers - my intention was to have paid you a visit in her more than a year ago: but want of suitable masts which were not to be had here, the difficulty and expence of insuring so much value against the rigour of blockade caused a delay which I am not sorry for. - the return of peace requires me now to look two ways, that is to say, to our own country concerning interior navigation and to foreign countries for the execution of the long centred fishery plans which I have been meditating upon and occasionally perfecting ~~in private~~ ever since we were acquainted. I should be glad to occupy myself first in the fishery establishments which will require some time, now my Dear Sir if you have a mind to enter with one and some other friend in New York ^{in third} into a new system of navigating the North river without the use of steam provided the plan should be found eligible. He will undertake an examination and correction of patent rights ^{and in conjunction with the other friend} find the funds necessary, and will conduct it on joint account. I will communicate my plan after such conditional arrangements are made suited to the case - in my estimation the whole service of that river now performed by steam boats may be performed in another way at one fourth part either of capital or progressive expence in its execution. One stipulation I must make as a preliminary - when success is so fully established that the capital of each boat shall be all returned and something more than what might now be considered a hand and profit beside. I shall then receive out of this surplus profit to a limited degree some thing more that either of you as some compensation for the plan, unless you should be able to add something to the ingenuity of the plan equivalent thereto. Your answer Sir will oblige yours R. Fulton

Dear Sir

New Bedford 5th June 1815

All the time I was in Boston and at Salem last winter and ever since it has been matter of regret to me, in not having had the opportunity of being acquainted with you. I have a large bundle of novelties, some without doubt very poor, others indifferent, some good, and others perhaps excellent, all ready for examination and execution. Next to myself my plan was to have procured an introduction to you for my son in law J W C Fleeming who is allowed to have talents and is something of a mathematician. I expected him to arrive in one of the first ships from England this spring: but by a letter just received his affairs do not permit him to fix on the time of his coming. (Disappointed as I am in regard to him my first wish now is to be near you and that we may become confidential friends; none of the objects on which I place the greatest value are so far known as for any person at this time to be able to set aside the ultimate of any one in my contemplation. I have much preparation in what I presume are important improvements in fisheries of all kinds. I do not wish to be the means of leading you into any expence but I think your examination, approbation & assisting genius in any new plan I might have to offer would give it an eclat which might enable us to form associations highly advantageous to any town as well as to ourselves. I have gone pretty much through all the expence necessary to satisfy you in regard to a favorable result of future endeavours; - in fact without belling

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Jacob Perkins Esq.

Newburyport.



Dear Sir

New Bedford

[1815 June 5 - c. 2]

all the time I was in Boston and at Salem last winter and ever since I have regretted the want of an opportunity of being acquainted with you. Next to my own amour propre on this account my intention was to have procured an introduction to you for my son in law J. W. C. Klesning who is allowed by his friends to have talents and is something of a mathematician. I expected him to arrive in one of the first Ships from England this spring but by a letter lately received his affairs do not permit him to fix on the time of his coming; this disappointment makes me now wish to fill up this blank by an association with a man or some men of genius who have capacity to take into just consideration a variety of new things as yet unknown, and if they should be found eligible for practice, that may be willing to unite with me in their execution and to relieve me, not from my full share of general labor but in a good degree from those labors which now oppress me in studying and defining inventions for record and future protection against invaders. In every view your celebrity places you in the first rank of those whose judgment in the arts particularly mechanical may be most relied on.

The novelties I have are of various kinds, they originate not from scientific study but from the observation of a plain mind on defects in many operations of human industry which I have thought might be mended. The first I shall mention is what I conceive to be, great improvements in the whale, Cod, and what I believe are called the ground

Jacob Perkins Esquire

Newbury Port.

Dear Sir

New Bedford 8th August 1815

I was duly favored with your letter in answer to mine concerning Carriage Springs and a Grid iron both of my invention - I here subjoin an extract of my specification concerning these two objects & will add two more for your consideration.

Springs for Carriages

" Make levers of short bars of Iron or any other metal material as nearly resembling some springs of Carriages behind as the judgment or fancy may direct; establish these levers between posts braced firmly to the frame of the Carriage; hang the body of the Carriage to the short arms of the levers; hold down elastically the long arms of the levers by steel springs, established between a double row of Cross joints; a single row of Cross joints may be known by their use in fire iron tongs, two or more rows on the same principle strongly riveted or rather barred at any distance apart may be easily conceived; so all springs a little curved or not, each individually connected with its center bar of the cross joints and not shorter than their limbs say eight or ten inches and otherwise united by the ends will move as they move, deviating from each other in the rapidity of their movement but uniform in their resistance and elasticity when acted upon - place these springs and joints thus connected in strong shallow boxes, having in their central line above and below a metal groove for the ends of the central bars of the cross joints to run in whether on small rollers or not. Station these boxes horizontally under the foot board, frame of

the carriage or where it may be thought best connecting the long arm of the lever with the cross joints by chains, Cogs, or by any other means. In principle the two chief points of this invention are, first in placing the body of a Carriage on levers; secondly in combining cross joints with all kinds of steel springs whether straight, more or less curved, spiral or of any other form, that will answer the purpose of exerting the force actively and elasticity required for governing the levers, or that may be sufficient of themselves to answer the purpose without levers.

"GRID IRON. This useful utensil may be best made of Polish'd silver, other more ordinary metals may answer particularly those which are plated with silver; instead of bars, plates of an inch and half more or less wide are to be placed obliquely in the frame; a bend is to be made over the top edge of ^{each} plate sufficient to direct a drop perpendicularly on its next plate; two small turned up channels one just above the other are to be made at the bottom edge of each plate (it is probable the lower one must be riveted on) the upper channel is to receive the gravy and the lower to protect it from burning; the distance apart of the plates & their obliquity in the frame may be determined by the perpendicular drop; in this point and may be received by placing the coals on an inclined plane or by making the feet on the proper side a little longer than the others, the object being to catch all that runs or drops and to prevent the disagreeable effects of smoke or blaze; a trough and receiver of the running fluid from these channels are to be properly placed in the hinder part of this utensil.

New Bedford 24 Aug^r 1815

Sir

I am honored with your letter of the 18th inst. and until the arrangement of the different objects in my Specification which you have received can be made I must request that the whole may be duly noted as caveat, in your office.

The classification you require is new to me and contrary to what I have understood has been the practice in such cases: but admitting it to be warranted, I presume the whole may be comprized in three classes viz^d relating to Boats & Vessels, ^{as understood -} their equipment must include all that relates to their active service in sailing fishing or diving

2nd Houses Chimneys &c ought also to include fly trap & Gridiron as utensils

3rd are miscellaneous objects such as carriage springs & drilling holes.

I hope the Specification I have sent has not induced a new interpretation of the law, whatever is obscure or doubtful in this instance ought not to be turned against me.

John Weston Esq. Aug. 1817

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I am honored with your letter of the 18th inst. and would be very anxious if the different points in my specification which you have returned can be made more explicit so that the public may be duly instructed in your office. The classification you require is new to me and contrary to what I have understood has been the practice in such cases: but admitting it to be reasonable, I presume the subject may be comprised in three classes one relating to Books & Manuscripts, the second to instruments and what relate to their entire service in valuing fishing & diving. 2^d Water Chronometers: & other also to include fly traps & the other as stated. 3^d Miscellaneous objects such as Campaigns, Upwards & Drilling holes. I hope the specification I have sent has not induced a new interpretation of the law, in case it is necessary or doubtful in this instance ought not to be turned against me.

Dear Sir

New Bedford 10 Sept^r 1815

On the 7th inst I had the honor to
enclose to the Hon^{ble} Secretary of State another
specification concerning Flytraps with a
request that a Patent might issue thereon:

This subject on further reflexion has become
more and more interesting. In the hope that
Cattle also may in a great measure be relieved
from their sufferings by the Stable Stinging Fly
I have endeavoured to form the plan of what
is termed a Summer Stable Flycatcher to
answer this desirable object; it being more
fully explained in a specification herewith
inclosed I must now beg the favor that the patent
may issue upon this, which in fact is not so
correct as I could wish but if the principles are
seen it may answer.

In the expectation of soon hearing from
you again - I have the honor to be
most respectfully yours
W. Thornton

William Thornton Esquire.

Dear Sir

Stamford 10/10/1817

On the 7th inst. I had the honor to
receive from the Hon^{ble} Secretary of State a
communication concerning the petition with a
request that a statement might be made thereon.
This subject on further reflection has become
more and more interesting. In the first place
I am also in a great measure interested
from the suffering of the whole thing
of how endeavored to form the plan of relief
in terms of law that the petition to
amend the law is of great importance. It being
fully explained in a petition. I have
considered the subject as of the law that the
may issue upon this, and if it is not
correct as I could wish but if it is correct
then it may answer.
As the reputation of the law is
your opinion. I have the honor to be
more than ever your friend.

William Howard Doane

With love to all
your family
and friends
I remain
your affectionate son
John H. H.

Washington
Director of the Patent Office
My dear Sir

A copy of letters to
help of estate and
Superintendent of
the Patent Office
of 1815

My dear Sir, I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 10th inst. and
in reply to inform you that
the same has been forwarded
to the proper authorities for
their consideration.

copy
To the Principal or Directors of the Manufactories
of the Society of Friends called Shakers.

Respected friends.

I know not by what particular
title to address you: but I wish to correspond
with you concerning the manufacturing of some
articles of my own invention just patented and
not yet otherwise made public: they are of
a very light cheap nature and are to be made
almost exclusively of thin wood. I presume
that the prodigious number that will be wanted
in another season may make the manufacturing
and selling an object well worthy of your attention.

My nephew in law William Dean of Salem
I have lately heard is one of your customers were
he here I am persuaded he would unite in the
general sentiment, that for honor, probity and
just dealing your society is placed in the first
rank. Should your occupation permit you
to pay attention to this communication I think
it would be well for me to be near you until the
whole subject is well understood and the mode
of execution so well settled that my attendance
could be dispensed with - in this view it would
be pleasing to me to know if good lodgings can be
had in your town either in a public or private
house and whether firewood and living in general
is reasonable; and also how far from Andover
and Albany is your settlement and which

which is the best road.

with great respect

I am your friend.

Oct^r 15 1815.

New Bedford Massachusetts
Nov^r 2nd 1815.

Respected friends

I wrote to you on the 15th of last month of which the preceding is a Copy; not having received an answer I am doubtful of its having reached you. I have therefore inclosed this to an old friend Alexander Coffin Post master at Hudson, and request the favor when you receive it of a reply directed to me here. - The objects to which it relates although not yet explained will, without the least doubt in my mind, be both agreeable to you to make and see with advantage both to you & me.

It is necessary for me to hear from you as promptly as you can make it convenient to yourself - in this expectation I continue with great respect. Your friend J. Polk

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To
The Principal or Directors
of the Manufactories of
The Society of Friends
called Traders.

New Lebanon
An answer was received before the letter
was sent.

My Dear Nephews - My pecuniary affairs are
(drawing to a forlorn crisis. In interior navigation I
have unexpectedly undertaken more than I can get
through with. - having neither the command of men
or money the Roderick Dhu has been abandoned to her
ill fate and is to be broken up. Charles also has used
my little resources in England and wishes me to add
one thousand pounds sterling more which would place
him a partner in a snugg manufactory and as he
says would make him happy: I would willingly
make him happy: but for the thousand pounds he
might as well ask me to send him the Bank.

My next resort will be to whale fishery: this is
the sole motive of my writing to you together. This
fishery has been kept in reserve, it was a secondary but
now becomes a primary object with me. necessity will
oblige me to form associations for carrying my plans into
execution and if I can kill whales at 50 or 100 yards
distance which I have no doubt of you can judge of
the prospect Spies discovery offers both for this port &
Nantucket in regard to maintaining that pre-eminence
in this line, they have done. If you are contented
with a system you have so long and so successfully
pursued and with neither to see or know any better,
be it so, I shall have acquitted myself by making
you the offer: but should the contrary be your choice
I will open clearly to your view a total change of system
with scenes of prospective advantage and ulterior
consequences of which you can have no idea because
all that has ever passed of which you can have the least
notion has been but a feeble representation of the importance
of this subject as at now stands in my calculation.

I shall at all times be both ready and willing to
meet you & to converse on this subject.
Your affectionate Uncle J. B. Rusk.

11 m^o 11. 1815.

Dear Sir

New Bedford Nov^r. 18 1815

I have not known till this day that nothing has passed between my Nephew Wm Rotch Jun^r who was in Boston a few weeks ago, and you concerning the redemption of the £ 200 N^y bill protected by his house. It was so arranged prior to his going to Boston but his health I now understand prevented his calling at your office on his return. I have unintentionally forfeited my promise some time ago but I hope not your esteem. The storm of the 23 Sept^r has injured my relatives in this village but it has ruined me in so far as to have sent to complete wreck my large and valuable boat: thus my floating labors for four years have by one storm ^{been} so far destroyed that out \$ 14.000 cost I do not expect to save two - and even this not immediately because the demand of every species of labor had risen to a height as if the storm had made the sufferers rich. - in the mean time this affair is so arranged with my Nephew that if you express a wish to this purpose they will take up the bill on being informed thereof - but if it is not inconvenient to you to wait a little longer my wrecks will be sold and I will do it myself.

and I wish to be very
you to want a little longer very much with
confidence myself - but if it is not convenient
this purpose they will take up the bill in doing
with my response that if you expect a mail to
- in the one or two this affair is so arranged
height as if the other has more the sufficient
the thousands of every species of labor has been to a
to have this - and even this will increase only because
to far beyond that but if you want a no not expect
my thinking labor for four years have by me. I am
complete work my (last and) complete. I am
but it has been over so far as to have need to
23 Sept. is a sign of my labor in this village
but I hope not your return. The other of it
considerably. I think my answer is now done
the taking of your offer in the letter. I am
to Boston but for health. I am not at all
by the house. It was the enough power to the
concerning the transportation of the 23 Sept. of a
just into was in 1831 as a first month ago in your
nothing but a house between my father and the
I am now in the same old house as the

A new Invention by which Ships at Sea may both move
and pump themselves.

Data

The waters of the Ocean are never at rest.

Their movement often in a calm cause Ships to pitch & roll.
Every rising motion of a Ship at one end causes a falling
motion at the other.

The pitching and rolling of Ships offer an enormous power
according to their size, weight, extent of their rising and
falling, rolling, and the action of the water about them.

To apply a portion of this enormous power to usefull purposes
is proposed by mechanical combinations with it.

The extent of such usefull purposes may not at present be foreseen.

The following means relating to self propelling and self-
pumping Ships at Sea, resulting from their own motion
are among the first that present themselves to the Inventor
and consist chiefly in what he terms a Shovel paddle
at or near one end of a Ship connected with a floating
machine at the other. for ^{an} example in miniature
suppose ^{the blade of} a common flat bladed Shovel square at its
corners. It should be converted into a frame by cutting
out four squares.

My Dear Nephews. My pecuniary affairs
are drawing to a forlorn issue. I have ~~undertaken~~
~~and~~ unexpectedly undertaken more than I can get
through with; and I had rather break up the Rodrick
where she is than to take the chance of all the
trubs I may meet with in attempting any thing
more ~~at present~~ with her; besides Charles has
used my little resources in England and wishes
me to add One thousand Pounds Sterling ~~more~~ which
would place him a partner in a snug manufactory
and as he says ^{I should willingly make him happy} would make him happy; but for
the thousand Pounds I might as well ask him
to send him the Bank. ~~The little estate I have~~

~~have shown~~
My next resort will be with all speed to
whale fishery; ^{there is the chief motive of my writing to you to get} and now my dear relatives I speak
to you all both old and young, ^{who act for themselves and} who feel an interest
in preserving to yourselves as far as circumstances
may permit, this line of business, it is for you to
determine whether you will let my plans go from
you unseen, unknown and of course unconsidered
or whether you will judge of them with a serious
and determined view to their execution under your
own controul should they appear eligible, allowing
me a portion of the benefit. If you are contented
with a system you have so long and so successfully
pursued and wish neither to see or know any better,
be it so, I shall have acquitted myself by making
you the offer: but should the contrary be your
choice ^{a total change of system with} I will open clearly to your view, ^{scenarios of}
^{prospective} advantage and exterior consequences of which
you can have no idea, because all that has ever

passed in former times or of which you can have the least notion has been but a ^{very} feeble representation of the importance of this subject as it now stands in my calculation. The proverb "make hay while the sun shines" we may all find applicable to this case.

I come now to a point personally relating to myself on which little has been said and ~~nothing~~ ^{has} heard of by me. Report long ago has without doubt informed you all of the regard I have for my cousin Ann Rotch; this union has been deferred and perhaps might still have been deferred until some way should have been in progress for the advancement of my pecuniary interests; ~~but~~ ^{the law} of a mother ~~appears~~ appears to require that protection which it is my duty to give; when this union takes place I hope a friendly revolution may also take place where it may be necessary to produce a reciprocal cordiality.

Let me entreat you once more and in the most earnest manner to consider well the subject of Fisheries and its probable ^{anticipated by me} new consequences. I brought with me the seeds of improvement in this valuable branch of ^{maritime} ~~commercial~~ industry - they are matured by the ~~unaided~~ ^{and unaided} and unceasing efforts of my own mind to a system that bears no resemblance to former practice and if I am not egregiously mistaken I can place this fishery in any seaboard port of the Union with an equal chance of success in the operation and under many other lasting advantages which can never be equally possessed by this Port or Manlyskel.

^{of the system accused of inhumanity}
I have interated something already to my
nephew Berja Rotch ~~without fully explaining~~
~~myself~~ with a view to know if some establishment
could be formed that should include Charles in the
benefit - he knows much already and can easily
be instructed in the rest. There is not yet time for an answer.

I shall at all times be both ready and willing
to meet you and to converse on this subject
your affectionate Uncle - F. Rotch.

Copy to
W. A. Linn & W. H. Robinson
11 m. 1875.